

Federal Property Management Regulations

§ 101-25.205

(a) The item or item groups of articles and services are items of “common-use” which are defined as items of standard commercial production or items covered by Federal Specifications commonly used by both civilian and military activities, or by two or more civilian activities, and not requiring such substantial alterations to adapt them to military or other particular application as to render inclusion in a centralized purchasing program impracticable; or

(b) A number of agencies, representing the majority users according to dollar volume, request GSA to make purchases and contracts exclusively for a given item or item groups of articles and services even though not “common-use” items as defined in §101-25.203(a); and

(c) GSA is best equipped to do the buying based upon the factors listed in §101-25.202, or must of necessity act as the central purchasing office when other agencies more appropriately suited to make central purchases do not do so and are not so directed by the President; and

(d) The head of another executive agency has not been delegated authority by the Administrator of General Services exclusively, or with specified limited exceptions, to make purchases and contracts for prescribed items or item groups of articles and services for the executive branch of the Government in accordance with §§101-25.202 and 101-25.204.

(e) GSA has issued appropriate regulations, or a Federal Supply Schedule, specifically designating the item or item groups of articles or services that fall within paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this §101-25.203 that are thereafter to be purchased exclusively for all executive agencies, or with specified limited exceptions, by GSA.

§101-25.204 Centralized purchases by designated executive agencies under authority delegated by the Administrator of General Services.

Designated executive agencies will exclusively, or with specified limited exceptions, make purchases and contracts on a continuing basis for items or item groups of articles and services for the executive branch of the Govern-

ment in the interest of lower prices, improved quality, and service or standardization when:

(a) The Administrator of General Services has determined, based upon the factors listed in §101-25.202, that a selected executive agency is best equipped to perform certain purchasing and contracting functions, and the Administrator of General Services has issued appropriate regulations designating the categories of articles or services complying with paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of §101-25.203 that are to be purchased exclusively by the named executive agency under authority delegated by the Administrator of General Services; and

(b) The head of the designated executive agency has issued appropriate instructions, or a Federal Supply Schedule, under authority as delegated by and in the form approved by the Administrator, specifically designating the item or item groups of articles or services that are thereafter to be purchased exclusively for all executive agencies, or with specified limited exceptions, by the designated executive agency.

§ 101-25.205 Arrangement for performance of purchasing functions other than centralized.

(a) Upon request, GSA will make purchases and contracts for any of the items or item groups of articles or services authorized to be purchased independently by executive agencies. GSA will also arrange, on a basis mutually agreeable, with any executive agency to perform its purchase and contracting functions on a continuing basis, if requested in writing to do so by the agency head, provided the arrangements agreed upon will result in lowered cost or improved service either to the individual agency or to the Government as a whole.

(b) In those instances where lowered cost or improved service, either to an individual agency or to the Government as a whole will result, GSA will arrange, on a basis mutually agreeable to the agencies involved, to assign all or a portion of the purchase and contracting functions of one executive agency to another executive agency on a continuing basis.